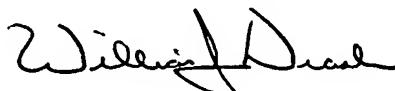


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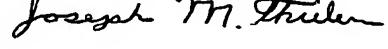
This Preliminary Amendment is being submitted as a part of a Divisional Application to the Parent Application referenced above and which has resulted in one issued patent, US Pat. No. 6,287,335. An additional Divisional Application, 09/897,879 which is drawn to an attachment anchor species is still pending and is not to be abandoned.

The Applicants have provided claims in this Preliminary Amendment which are drawn to a woven vascular tubular member species as identified in an Office Action mailed 02/05/01 to the Parent Application referenced above. The Applicants appreciate consideration of the added claims and welcome input from the Examiner to put them in a condition for allowance.

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